

The Benefice Highnam, Tibberton with Rudford and Taynton
and the Parish of Minsterworth

Notices – May 2026

Services this Month

3 rd May	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
		11am	Holy Communion followed by Tibberton with Rudford APCM	Rudford
		4.00pm	Minsterworth APCM followed by Evening Prayer at 5pm	Minsterworth
10 th May	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Taynton APCM	Taynton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		5.00pm	Taizé Reflective Service	Highnam
12 th May	Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee and Communion	Rudford
14 th May	Thursday – Ascension Day	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion	Highnam
17 th May	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
24 th May	Sunday - Pentecost	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Taynton
		4.00pm	Highnam APCM followed by scones and a reflective service at 5pm	Highnam
31 st May	Sunday - Trinity	11.00am	Benefice Open Air Service in Tibberton	Meredith, Tibberton

Baptism and wedding bookings

Rev. Heather will be in Highnam Church to see new wedding couples and baptism families on:
Saturday 2nd May from 10am-12noon.

The next booking session: 06/06/26



Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group

The next Churchyard group will be in May.



When? Saturday 2nd May, 9.30-11.30am

Where? Highnam Church



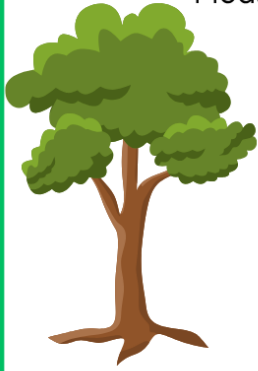
Refreshments provided, please bring your own gloves.



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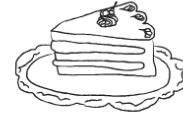
Benefice Open Air Service

Please join us for our outdoor service in **Tibberton** as something a bit different for the fifth Sunday of the month.



Where? Meredith, Tibberton

When? Sunday 31st May, 11am
All welcome.



There will be refreshments after the service.

HIGHNAM OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st
May 2026**

from 12.30 until 5.00 pm
11 gardens to visit

Programmes available on the day from
2 Beech Close, 5 Poppyfield or
68 Maidenhall or in advance courtesy of
Highnam Stores

£7.50 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE
WEEKEND TICKET SO YOU CAN SEE ALL THE GARDENS

PLANTS, RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS

Assistance dogs only please

Facebook: **HIGHNAM CHURCH LIFE**

In aid of Highnam Church and Listening Post

APCM DATES

Tibberton with Rudford –
Sunday 3rd May – following
11am service.

Minsterworth – Sunday
3rd May – 4pm, followed by
evening prayer at 5pm.

Taynton – Sunday 10th
May – following 11am
service.

Highnam – Sunday 24th
May – 4pm meeting, then
stay for scones, and a
reflective service at 5pm.

NOW BOOKING:

2027 weddings (and beyond!) in our beautiful churches.
Email highnam.church@aol.co.uk, or pop in to the next
booking morning (2nd May) to get the process rolling.

Prayers with Bears- Celebrating Baptism



Come and celebrate your Baptism/Christening - whether it was a few months or many years ago.

**Saturday 6th June 2026 at 1pm
Highnam Church**

Baptism themed activities, teddy bears picnic (bring your bear!), story and singing

If you have a baptism candle, why not bring it along so we can re-light them all to celebrate!

Carducci Festival

The Carducci Quartet are holding their festival in Highnam Church over the weekend **15th – 17th May.**

For more information and to buy tickets go to:

<https://carducciquartet.com/festivals/>

Eco Church Update- Churches Count on Nature - June 2026

Highnam Church is joining in with the national 'Churches Count on Nature' survey for 2026. On Saturday the 6th of June, as well as the normal Highnam Churchyard Working Group, we are also inviting anyone who is interested to come along, admire the churchyard wildlife and count the plant and animal species you see! **No experience needed, everything will be explained on the day.**

There will be refreshments provided!



Lent Lunches

Our **Lent Lunches** in support of **Christian Aid** raised £620 with a further £114 to be claimed in gift aid. Many thanks to everyone who supported the lunches and especially to our hosts for their hard work and generous support.

Coffee and Communion

Rudford

Now regularly on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am**

Drop in for coffee and a chat before a simple service of Holy Communion



Introducing Gioia...

I'm Gioia, a second-year curate based at St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon, Gloucester, and I'm really looking forward to joining you soon for a short placement.

I am originally from Birmingham, and before I entered discernment and training for ministry I was an anthropologist, completing a PhD in Anthropology in Aberdeen and working as a researcher in an indigenous (Cree) community called Wemindji in northern Quebec, Canada. In the autumn of 2020 I took part in a year-long ministry experience scheme run by the Diocese of Gloucester, and in 2021 I began training for ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge. I was ordained in Gloucester in June 2024, and since then have been working as a curate with our wonderful communities at St George's and St Margaret's. I am really looking forward to the opportunity to join you in the Highnam Benefice later in May.



Lorna (our full time curate) is starting in July and we cannot wait to welcome her. A reminder of the introduction from Lorna:

Dear members of the Benefice of Highnam, Tibberton with Rudford, and Taynton and the Parish of Minsterworth,

I am excited to be joining you as your curate in the summer and look forward to getting to know you and your communities. I live in Bream, in the Forest of Dean, with my husband Sam, our 14-year-old twins Eleanor and Rosie and our 10-year-old son Oliver. I'm training for ordination on the local part-time course at Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford and we have worshipped at St. Luke's, Tutshill since I started my training. Alongside my studies I work part-time as the Church Building Support Officer at Hereford Diocese, which has been incredibly helpful as I've explored my calling to rural ministry. Before this role I spent 15 years in property project management in the housing and charity sectors. Outside of my work and studies I enjoy family walks with our labrador Zeus, reading, and pottering about the house listening to podcasts. I am greatly looking forward to serving as your curate and sharing in the life and ministry of the parishes, and I look forward to meeting you all in due course. Every blessing, Lorna Theophilus.



Held at Trioscape Garden Centre Cafe to support those who have been bereaved. Whether your loss is very recent or some time ago, we know there are times when it is really hard. We hope this group will offer a place where it's OK to come and be with others who 'just get it' – who know it's perfectly possible to need to laugh and cry at the same time or in turn on different days. Meetings are held regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.15am. All are welcome.

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